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In Re Application of: Lee Sang Min

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Examiner:

For: Compact Keyboard for a Handheld Computer

PRIOR ART STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Prior Art Statement in the instant application. The references listed in form PTO-1449 and explained in the body of the application are the closest prior art of which Applicants and counsel are aware. The statements contained herein are believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference. These statements, of course, are not intended to be a substitute for the Examiner's complete consideration of each listed reference.

U.S. Patent Documents

Reference AA: In U.S. Pat. No. 5,941,648 Robinson et al, discloses a computing assembly which comprises a handheld computer or PDA that contains a housing, a processor in said housing, and an input/output arrangement coupled to said processor. The keyboard is foldable and electrically connected to the PDA.

Reference AB: In U.S. Pat. No. 5,638,257 Kumar et al, discloses a device adding apparatus as a keyboard input to a handheld computer. The user simply rotates the

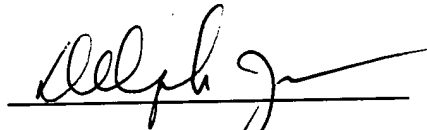
keyboard from a non-operational position substantially covering the display to an operational position at substantially a right angle to the display.

Reference AC: In U.S. Patent No. D432535 Loh et al, discloses an ornamental design for a personal digital assistant with a stylus stored in a compartment under the cover.

Reference AD: In U.S. Pat. No. 5,717,431 Chia-Ying et al. discloses an ergonomic keyboard for a portable computer.

Reference AE: In U.S. Pat. No. 5,548,477 Kumar et al. discloses an combination keyboard and cover for a handheld computer. The keyboard device is specifically designed to be added to Personal Digital Assistants lacking such input devices.

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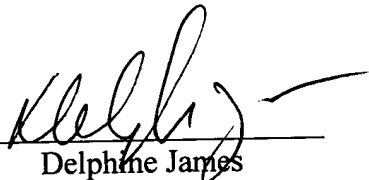
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